THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): It is under consideration of the Government.

Ban on movement of mustard oil

822. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UP had banned the movement of Mustard Oil to West Bengal creating problem in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether this matter was brought to his attention by the West Bengal Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) It has been confirmed by UP Government that they have not banned movement of mustard oil to any State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of mustard Oil

823. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the acute shortage of mustard oil supply in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government were requested by the State Government to ensure enough supply of mustard oil to solve the situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government do not allocate mustard oil. The State Government is allocated imported rapeseed oil for supply through Public Distribution System. The State Government had requested for increase in their allocation of imported rape-seed oil. Their allocation has been increased from August 1987. The month-wise allocation from August, 1987 to November, 1987 is as follows:

August, 1987 . .	17,000 MTS
September, 1987 . .	19,500 MTS
October, 1987 . .	22,000 MTS
November, 1987 . .	22 000 MTS

Indigenous production and import of fertilizers

824. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the indigenous production of fertilizers in the country during the last three years, year-wise and percentage of capacity; utilisation by each of the units;

(b) what are the details of the year-wise imports of fertilizers during the same period; and

(c) what is the inventory position in each of the units during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The details of the indigenous production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers, in terms of nutrients, in the country during the last 3 years and percentage of capacity utilisation in respect of each of the units is given in Statement No. 1 attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 32]

(b) The details of the year-wise imports of fertilizers in the country

for the last 3 years are as under:—

(*In lakh tonnes*)

Year	Fertilizer Nutrients Imported			
	N	P	K	Total
1984-85	20·08	7 45	8 71	36·24
1985-86	16 80	8 16	9 03	33 99
1986-87	11·13	2·8	8 82	22·82

(c) The inventory position of the manufacturing companies during the same period is given in Statement No. 2 attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 33]

Stoppage of railway freight subsidy to fertilizer manufacturing units

825. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to stop payment of railway freight subsidy due to various fertilizer manufacturing units; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for stopping payment of freight subsidy under Government's consideration at present. However, a group has been constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for going into the modalities for calculation of primary & secondary freight based on ECA allocations.

Production of Modern Bread

826. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Modern Bread has come down by 30,000 loaves a day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the General Manager has patronised only one miller instead of getting tender and quotations from other millers also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to follow the rules and normal procedure?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The production of Modern Bread during April-September 1987 was higher by 22 lakh standard loaves, as compared to the same period last year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) The company has laid down standard purchase procedure for all materials and the same is followed strictly by all the units of the company.

Damage to crops caused by drought and floods

827 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of crops in the country which has been damaged due to drought and floods;

(b) what is the estimated shortfall in the production of agricultural commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE